

SCITUATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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The Early Childhood Center is currently accepting applications for the 2012-2013 Integrated Preschool Program. The program is designed to service special needs children and typically developing children in an integrated setting. In order to be eligible for the Preschool AM program, children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2012. To be eligible for the Preschool PM program, children must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2012.

The classes are limited in size: 60% of the class is comprised of students who do not have special needs and 40% with varying special needs.

Applications for admission as peer models are accepted in January for the following school year. Selection is made through an application and screening process. Should the Early Childhood Center receive more applications than openings, a lottery will take place. Consideration will be given to male/female equity. A wait list will be set up for any children that were not selected through the lottery process. Students determined to be "educationally at risk" due to environmental factors are given increased allowances to be involved in the program.

Typically developing children who enter the preschool are generally invited to attend the following year. In some cases the Early Childhood Center reserves the right to not offer a typically developing child a second year. This decision is made after careful consideration by the Early Childhood staff on a case by case basis and the needs of the new enrollment requests.

Students who have received special education services and have met appropriate age level goals making them no longer eligible for services, will complete the school year but may not begin another year in the program under special education guidelines.

An open house to meet the staff and learn about the program is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2012 from 10:00-10:45 in the Early Childhood Program at Scituate High School.

Applications may be picked up through Marsha Allen in the Superintendent's Office at Scituate High School or accessed online at www.scituate.k12.ma.us This year applications are due by **February 10, 2012**. Screenings will be held on Friday, February 17 and March 2, 2012. The public lottery, if needed, will be held on March 5 at 3:00 in the preschool office.

A tuition fee of \$2,000.00 (subject to increase) will be assessed for typically developing students and students who receive related services and do not have a recommendation for the program. A \$200.00 nonrefundable deposit due within 10 days of acceptance confirms your child's enrollment. The remainder of the tuition balance will be billed in 4 installment payments, September, November, January and March. An invoice will be sent from the business office.

If you have any questions please contact the Early Childhood Center, 781-545-8759 x313